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## STUDYING . . .

### for the Defense of the Gospel

Under the direction of a faculty of earnest, God-fearing Christian teachers, there are at present seventy-three young men and women, representing homes in eighteen states and the District of Columbia, who are now studying "for the defense of the Gospel."

Though a large number of them have received definite calls into the Lord's full-time service, at home and abroad, still others plan lives of usefulness in other vocations or professions. At present they are studying to show themselves approved unto God . . . workmen that need not be ashamed. We rejoice to know that they can go forth safe in Him, fortified with a heart-belief in the Word and a full dependence on His abundant supply.

Present indications are that, within the next few weeks, a number of the young men shall be called into the service of the country. This, we believe, will be in the will of God, and

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## DEBATERS TRAVEL

Enjoyable and instructive, but not entirely successful, was the recent trip taken by the University debaters to Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee. As entrants in the State Speech Tournament, the teams left Dayton at an early hour on February 26th, drove across the snow-covered mountains to Cookeville and then on to Lebanon, where for the next two days they met teams from such institutions as Maryville College, Union University, Cumberland University, Tennessee Tech, Memphis State, and others.

Finding the competition unusually keen, the women's team, consisting of Beatrice Batson, a sophomore, and Gwen Hay, a freshman, were able to win but one round out of four starts, a fifth round being credited as a victory, though in reality a bye.

The men's team, meeting the finalists and one of the semi-finalists finished with the same results, two wins and three losses. Jesse Humberd and

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WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

## A Tribute to Mr. Bryan

No one prominent in public life is likely to accomplish much without being criticized and misrepresented, particularly during his life-time. Mr. Bryan was no exception to this rule. However, let it be remembered that he was rarely if ever criticized for not being conscientious. It was recognized that he always stood for what he believed was true and right. For want of other faults, he was criticized for being bigoted and narrow-minded.

Time is likely to reveal a man's work, of what sort it is. During the life of William Jennings Bryan, many recognized that he was living ahead of his time. So much of what he contended for during his life-time is now commonly accepted by the public. Time will yet justify many more of his ideals and policies.

With our nation at war, it does not behoove us to spend too much time in retrospection. Still, if now and in the future we are to avoid the repetition of the errors of the past, we do well to remember that the causes of this war and other world difficulties date back to World War No. 1 and to the peace that was made following it.

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## SERVING . . .

### for the Defense of the Gospel

#### AN APPRECIATED TRIBUTE

From the columns of the February, 1942, EVANGEL, the official organ of the Evangel Bible Institute and the Evangel Scripture Mission, we take pleasure in quoting an unsolicited and sincerely appreciated tribute to Bryan University. The EVANGEL, published in Largo, Florida, is under the editorship of Brother Louis A. Jacobsen. We quote as follows:

A recent letter came from our friend and brother in the Lord, Dr. D. W. Ryther, Vice-President and Dean of Bryan University. He says:

"Many thanks to you for the generous supply of tracts recently sent to us from your office . . . We are always glad to have additional means of getting the Word out and appreciate the interest you take in our endeavors." Yours in His fellowship, D. W. Ryther.

May God bless this great institution founded in memory of that gallant and courageous warrior of the Cross, William Jennings Bryan.

Mothers and fathers can send their sons and daughters to this University with the utmost confidence in its integrity and the high standards of Christian scholarship maintained by its fine President, Dr. Judson Rudd, and its Vice-President, Dr. D. W. Ryther, as well as every member of the faculty.

This grand college stands firm and true to the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. The editor endorses it wholeheartedly and commends it to Christian parents contemplating sending their sons and daughters to a college where their faith will not be undermined, but instead strengthened.

My respect and admiration is so great for this University, that if the Lord tarries, it is my hope and ambition to send my daughters to William Jennings Bryan University. "Long may she stand midst foes of truth surrounded" is every Christian's earnest prayer.

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich . . ." Prov. 10:22.

**"I am set for the defence of the Gospel." Philippians 1:17**



## THE NEWSETTE

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—God Above All—

## SPENDING . . .

### for the Defense of the Gospel

At such a time as this in the world's affairs, we in America may well rejoice that without contradiction we may fulfil both duty to country and duty to God; that defense of our nation is truly a defense of freedom—freedom of conscience toward God.

But this is a time which calls for a revision of thinking, and nowhere more than in the realm of education. We must anticipate as wisely as we know how the changes wrought by the war.

The calling of young men to military service means diminished male enrollment, particularly in the upper classes, where the men will be twenty or over.

There will be revision of building plans, postponing construction requiring critical materials.

There will be alteration of giving, as taxes and increased emphasis on defense needs bring problems to friends on whom we count for support.

There will be further rises in costs of foods and fuel, of instruction expenses and maintenance.

And yet, the fusing of Christian character and academic achievement—the basic goal of our efforts here—is national defense, too, for “Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord.” Christian higher education at Bryan must, and God willing, shall go on.

What are we to do about it? Here is our answer.

We shall endeavor to increase enrollment in the freshman and sophomore classes, and of women students; and in whatever way possible, to be of assistance to those whom the country needs.

We shall concentrate our improvement efforts on such construction as will require only tile, cement, lumber, or other non-critical materials; on betterment of our physical property;

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## FIGHTING . . .

### for the Defense of the Gospel

*A Letter from the Alumni Association President.*

Dear Dean Ryther:

. . . I was impressed with the resolutions concerning the war that were adopted by the staff and students. . . the reasoning behind these resolutions is sound, and as head of the Alumni Association I wish to add my name to those of other signatories, conscientiously believing that in doing so I will be expressing the conviction of every alumnus.

“We’re In the Army Now” (in the same issue) should endue every person who is or has been associated with the University with the deepest respect and admiration for those boys enlisted . . . when it comes our turn to enter the service we shall consider it a privilege, God-given. . .

Let every alumnus, every student, every faculty member, and, as for that, every Christian actively enter this war, if not with his services, surely with his prayers.

Sincerely,

Logan Rector, President Bryan University Alumni Association.

## A TESTIMONY

### What Our Christian Service Association Work Has Meant to Me

During my four years at Bryan University, my experience through the C. S. A. extension work has been an enriching blessing to my spiritual life for which I do thank the LORD. Vital and practical experience has been received as I have gone forth each Sunday morning to carry the Word of Life to those in the mountainous sections about the University. The LORD has revealed much during my Sunday visits with the mountain people that will ever serve to lead me on to greater usefulness in His vineyard.

The C. S. A. department of the University has served to lead me into a deeper, prayerful meditation upon THE WORD that I might be used of the Lord in taking the message of salvation to those who sit in darkness, those “without God and without hope.” Such meditations have been devotional and uplifting to my own soul as I have sought His message each week for others. The power of witnessing effectively for Jesus Christ depends upon a constantly vivid sense of reality and eternal verities. We cannot give to others that which we do not have ourselves.

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## GIVING . . .

### for the Defense of the Gospel

SUBSCRIBERS' COLUMN

“The enclosed check is a small contribution I am making to be used as you desire in promoting the work of the University.” (Ohio.)

“I have been receiving the NEWS-ETTE and have noted with interest Sam’s progress over the country. Here is a little bit more to help out in the mileage. I hope to have more before the school term ends in May. I enjoy the NEWS-ETTE and the prayer letter helps me to remember you all before the Throne of Grace. I pray that the added taxation will not force us to stop our giving unto the Lord; it is too small as it is for the amount that is needed. May the Lord continue to bless and accomplish His purposes through your ministry down there at Bryan. There is a real need for such Christian teaching and leadership as you are developing.” (Md.)

“Thanks for sending me the NEWS-ETTE and the Sunday School lessons. Enclosed you will find \$1.00. Hope it can be used; it is so little. May God keep on blessing you and use you for His glory.” (Penna.)

And from a minister friend who has been a faithful steward to the Lord’s work here: “Will the reader of this greet yourself with the promise of John 13:1, ‘Having loved His own which were in the world He loved them unto the end.’ A good New Year’s text? I took it to heart and preached on it and prayed it might stick in the memory. Say it again and take it to yourself. Enclosed find my check for \$10.00.” (N. J.)

“Enclosed you will find a money order for \$2.00 which you will kindly use in the work at Bryan as the Lord leads. I have you in my prayers and trust that the Lord will richly bless you in body, soul, and Spirit as you labor for Him.” (Penna.)

“With the enclosed check, for \$16.66, my pledge of \$100.00 has been completed. That pledge was made so many years ago that I have forgotten the date. As the years have passed, I have found a real interest in the University, its Christian policies, its fine consecrated faculty and students, and its steady growth. It has been a satisfaction to have had even a small part in helping to build a college fundamentally sound, where young men and women not only receive an education, but are established in Christ and go forth in His

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## GRADUATED . . . for the Defense of the Gospel

### ALUMNI NEWS

Word from Mrs. Paul Wilson, '40, indicates that she is now employed in the auditor's office in the court house at Medina, Ohio. Since Paul has been called into military service, their plans for missionary work in Brazil have been delayed.

Mr. D. Lewis Llewellyn, '38, has recently been appointed as South-eastern Regional Representative of the Foreign Missions Fellowships, and has been visiting on a number of the campuses of the southern colleges, speaking to the chapters of the F. M. F.

Miss Janet Webb, '40, has joined the staff of the Y. W. C. A. in Atlantic City, bringing the total of Bryan alumni employed there to three.

Prayers are requested for our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Toliver, '37 and '38, who, when last heard from, were in Kiangsi, Szechwan, China. Since mail service to China has been suspended, we are constrained the more to look to our heavenly Father to care for them in this time of danger and distress.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owensby, on January 2, 1942, a daughter, Gail. Mrs. Owensby is the former Emily McMurtry, a '37 graduate and daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Roy McMurtry.

The alumni of '34 will be interested in knowing that Miss Sybil Lusk of that class is now in civil service work in Rantoul, Illinois.

Again your editor is zealous of hearing from some of the alumni who have not written in several months.

## DEBATERS TRAVEL

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Dick Langford, both members of the junior class, were the team members. Leonard Winstead, also made the trip and represented the University as an impromptu speaker. Dean Ryther accompanied the group.

Jesse Humbert was ranked as tied for fourth place among the men debaters entered in the tournament.

Returning to Dayton by way of Nashville, the debaters visited the Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson, the capitol, Vanderbilt University, Peabody College, Ward-Belmont School, and Scarrit College. They also spent an interesting half hour or more at the Parthenon, supposedly a perfect replica of the original temple of that name built at Athens, Greece, 438 B. C.

*The Newsette*

## BOYS WANTED

One hundred boys are wanted for new customers. We are constantly losing our old customers as follows:

Ten committed suicide last month.

Twenty are in jail.

Eight are in the chain gang.

One is condemned to die.

Fifteen are in the poorhouse.

Three have been sent to the insane asylum.

The few left to us now are of little use to us, as they have no money left. If we don't get the new customers we will have to close the saloons.

We don't care whose boy you are, you'll be welcome, and once we get you you'll be our customer as long as you have the money and stay out of jail.

Come early — never mind the crops. Stay late — never mind the folks at home.

Apply any bar, any time.  
*Baptist Examiner*, revised and edited.

## A TESTIMONY

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A Christian worker must be a leader, and that leadership is acquired through service such as our C. S. A. offers to students. One soon learns that he must love people, for Christ, his master, loved him. He discovers that earnestness, self-forgetfulness, and self-control are the qualities of an effective witness and teacher.

Winning souls is the most blessed work God ever entrusted to mortals. It is the work which is nearest Christ's heart and for which He came into the world. Such work is the highest and noblest form of success, and is definitely more profitable than winning earthly distinctions or wealth. This has been my privilege in C. S. A. work at Bryan University. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised."

—Warren Lee Oliff.

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they shall go prepared to serve Him and country jointly.

Others will remain in the University to complete their training—equally an essential to our defense, for it is to such Christian young men and women that a war-torn and weary world must turn for leadership and strength. Only God knows of what untold value those now in Christian colleges can prove themselves to be to their country in the years to come. How important it is that we should keep them studying—for the defense of the Gospel!

## SPEAKING . . . for the Defense of the Gospel

Though the tire situation has interrupted some of the Christian Service extension work, the Lord has opened many opportunities. We notice the young people are becoming more interested in Spiritual things; Sunday School attendance has increased in many communities; and in visitation work people are eager to hear what God has for them in these days.

Just a year ago the plan for the Hairpin Curve Chapel was made. Faith alone kept us encouraged to see the building finished. "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." Today the building stands completed. Because he has promised . . . "your labor is not in vain in the Lord," we have faith to believe the Lord will use the chapel to bless many souls. Already, ten young people have received Christ into their lives.

After salvation the soul must grow in grace through the unadulterated Word. This growth is the great need of this community. Each Sunday, rejoicing that they have the opportunity to tell others of Christ's love for their souls, the students and faculty go out to the work.

Through the ministry in Sunday School, jail services, street meetings, visitations, and child evangelism we praise Him for the following report: Since October: salvation of 64 souls, approximately 100 homes visited, approximately 5,200 miles traveled, approximately 7,500 tracts distributed.

"Pray without ceasing" that Christ may witness through us to hungry souls.

## TRIBUTE TO MR. BRYAN

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Let no one criticize Mr. Bryan's ideals nor his policies in international affairs. His ideals and his policies have not been tried, so have not had a chance to prove their worth. They could have been tried without any worse consequences than we are now suffering.

Let no one assume, because of his efforts to foster peaceful settlement of international difficulties, that Mr. Bryan would have played into the hands of the communistic pacifists nor war-mongering Nazis. At a time when so many of our finest young men are being called to the colors, let it be remembered that he, too, heard the call to the colors. None ever lived who loved his country more devotedly.

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## February Gift Receipts

1329	.....\$	3.00	1381	.....	2.50
1330	.....	32.80	1382	.....	.30
1331	.....	1.00	1383	.....	5.00
1332	.....	1.00	1384	.....	10.00
1333	.....	2.00	1385	.....	1.00
1334	.....	1.00	1386	.....	5.00
1335	.....	1.00	1387	.....	10.00
1336	.....	3.50	1388	.....	1.00
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1343	.....	5.00	1395	.....	5.00
1344	.....	5.00	1396	.....	2.00
1345	.....	30.00	1397	.....	1.00
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1367	.....	3.00	1419	.....	5.00
1368	.....	9.05	1420	.....	10.00
1369	.....	5.00	1421	.....	25.00
1370	.....	2.00	1422	.....	5.00
1371	.....	2.00	1423	.....	5.00
1372	.....	7.26	1424	.....	5.00
1373	.....	1.00	1425	.....	5.00
1374	.....	20.00	1426	.....	10.00
1375	.....	1.00	1427	.....	2.00
1376	.....	25.00	1428	.....	2.00
1377	.....	1.00	1429	.....	5.00
1378	.....	2.00	1430	.....	5.00
1379	.....	5.00	1431	.....	10.00
1380	.....	5.00	Total	.....	\$678.87

Receipts to Feb. 28.....\$10,242.40

## TRAVELGRAM

FRIENDS OF BRYAN  
EVERYWHERE  
UNDERSTAND BRYAN BIRTH-  
DAY NUMBER NEWSLETTE IS  
"FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE  
GOSPEL" STOP WAR CONDI-  
TIONS HAVE SLOWED ME  
DOWN SOME STOP DON'T  
FORGET THAT THE GREATEST  
THING TO INVEST IN TODAY  
IS CHRISTIAN YOUTH, THE  
FINEST DEFENSE OF THE GOS-  
PEL IN THE TRENCHES IN  
THE SCHOOLS IN THE HOMES  
STOP I AM COUNTING ON  
YOU TO SEND YOUR BIRTH-  
DAY GIFT IN NOW STOP IT  
WILL HELP ME ON MY JOUR-  
NEY AND WILL BE WONDER-  
FUL SOURCE OF ENCOURAGE-  
MENT AND SUPPORT AT  
BRYAN UNIVERSITY

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service. It has been a blessing to me to follow all these developments in NEWSLETTE and in your letters to all the friends of the college. Since those early years, the University has made many friends and God's richest blessings will continue just as long as it stands true to His Word. May that be until our Lord returns."

## SPENDING . . .

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on added equipment insofar as that does not involve scarce material.

Finally, we at Bryan who have been entrusted with management will ourselves accept the responsibility of wise spending of all those material things of which we are made stewards. We will endeavor to buy wisely, to prevent waste.

We believe that our friends, to whom war also has brought problems, will yet put first things first—will believe that while defending our nation we must not cease to defend and support the work of the Lord on which alone true national greatness depends. Some will be able to use portions of their income on which tax exemption will be granted in view of its use for educational purposes. Some may wish to buy Defense Bonds, registering them in the University's name, thus aiding the nation and at the same time creating endowment, or a reserve for future needs of the University. Some will, as Christians have always done, invest, even at the cost of sacrifice to themselves, in the work of the Lord.

As citizens, we hope and work and pray for our country's victory. As citizens of the heavenly kingdom, we rejoice in the victory which is always ours, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

